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GOVERNOR AND JAIL CONDITIONS.

Committee Reviewing the Situation.

INCREASES IN DIET.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council this morning, His Excellency the Governor, speaking after the motion for the adoption of the report of the Finance Committee, made an important announcement in connection with jail diet and conditions generally.

His Excellency, remarking that certain questions had been asked in connection with prisoners' diet, said he wished to give the definite assurance that there had been no reduction in either the quantity or quality. A Committee had been appointed, however, some little time ago, to go into the subject. Its report had now been received, and it recommended large increases.

REPLY TO CRITICS.

Continuing, His Excellency said there had been criticism of the Jail administration. For himself he thought the Government had complete confidence in the Superintendent and his staff, but he was quite willing to have the position reviewed. As a matter of fact, such a review formed an important part of the work of the Retrenchment Commission, and was already in hand.

In conclusion, His Excellency stated that latest reports indicated that conditions in the Jail had now more or less returned to normal.

The meeting concluded with an expression of thanks from H.E. to Council members for their help and advice during the year.

Finance Report Adopted.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee, dated December 22, was made by the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E. (Acting Colonial Secretary), and was passed without further discussion.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

H.E. the Governor, after the motion had been proposed, said:—

As the financial provision asked for was agreed to at the meeting of the Finance Committee on December 22, there seems to be no need for further discussion in this Council. It appears, however, that certain questions were asked in Committee, bearing on prison diets, more particularly in relation to the recent unfortunate strike in the jail, which tend to create the impression that there has been a reduction in the quality or quantity of the regulation diets. I take this opportunity of saying that any having on the Subsidence Vote does not connote any such reduction. It must be quite well known that, in forming an estimate for such a service for the ensuing year, it is impossible to estimate requirements accurately. In the first place, at the time the estimates are drawn up, it is not known what the contract rate per diet will be, and in the second place Government, of course, can not possibly be aware beforehand of the number of prisoners that will have to be fed. These factors may result in either a saving or an excess of expenditure.

Saving This Year.

This year there happens to have been a saving. I now give the definite assurance that there has been no reduction in quantity or quality of individual diets, and that in fact any change has been in the direction of an increase. The diets which were in force in the early part of this year have been in force for many years, and have stood the test of time. As, however, it is 25 years old at least, Government recently decided to appoint a Committee to review the whole scheme, and this Committee has submitted a report, which has been considered by the Executive Council. The report recommends very large increases in the cost of the diets.

As this is the last meeting of the Council this year, I take the opportunity of thanking the Hon. members, and those who have acted temporarily on this Council during the year, very sincerely for all the advice and help that they have given both to the Government and to the Council. I am, Sir, very much obliged to you, Sir, for the interest and help which you have given to the Council during the year.

VAST CONSPIRACY IN TURKEY.

Aimed at Overthrow of the Kemalist Regime.

TROOPS INTERNED.

Constantinople, Yesterday. Hitherto 1,000 arrests have been made at Menemen, Magnesia, Konia, Smyrna, Stamboul and elsewhere, including Sheikhs, Dervishes, Imams, a number of women; and a whole battalion of troops whose loyalty was suspected has been interned following the recent revolt at Menemen in which several people were killed, and which purported to establish a "religious regime."

The authorities believe that the revolt was not an isolated incident, but the first phase of a vast conspiracy aiming at the overthrow of the Kemalist regime.

Mustapha Kemal presided over an important meeting at Dolmabahche Palace yesterday, attended by the Prime Minister, M. Ismet, the Minister of the Interior, the Chief of the General Staff and other prominent officials, who discussed the situation for eight hours and considered the advisability of imposing special penalties for "reactionaries."

POLICE INSPECTOR'S SERVICE.

Heartly congratulations will today be extended to Inspector John Ogg, of the Police Force, who has completed 25 years' service, being appointed as a Police Constable on December 29, 1905.

His subsequent appointments were: Lance Sergeant on September 27, 1911; Police Sergeant on February 12, 1915; Sub-Inspector on April 27, 1920; and Inspector on August 30, 1923.

dietary but of maintenance of discipline among the prisoners.

It is considered not unlikely that the recent unrest in the jail is largely attributable to outside influences, which, in the absence of facilities for segregation, can penetrate to the convicts through the medium of the short sentence prisoners, and in my opinion the question of diets has merely been made the excuse for causing trouble among the prisoners generally.

Jail Conditions.

I am given to understand that in some quarters the satisfactory administration of the jail has been called in question. I have no reason to believe that the Government's confidence in the Superintendent and his staff is misplaced, but I am fully prepared to have the whole administration reviewed. Such a review is, in fact, now in hand from one important angle in the work of the Retrenchment Commission; and their enquiries in the interests of economy can hardly fail to direct attention to existing weaknesses, if indeed such exist, in the general administration. I propose to await the completion of their enquiries, before considering further the appointment of a Committee to review the general administration. The opinion may safely be hazarded that the criticisms of such a Committee would centre largely on the inadequate and unsatisfactory nature of the jail buildings, a matter to which I am giving anxious and urgent consideration, my settled conviction being that the whole establishment must be moved to buildings of a more modern design in more satisfactory surroundings. I propose to press on to this end with the utmost expedition at my command.

I may say that the latest reports indicate that conditions in the jail have more or less returned to normal. As this is the last meeting of the Council this year, I take the opportunity of thanking the Hon. members, and those who have acted temporarily on this Council during the year, very sincerely for all the advice and help that they have given both to the Government and to the Council. I am, Sir, very much obliged to you, Sir, for the interest and help which you have given to the Council during the year.

H.E. the Governor then added: As this is the last meeting of the Council this year, I take the opportunity of thanking the Hon. members, and those who have acted temporarily on this Council during the year, very sincerely for all the advice and help that they have given both to the Government and to the Council. I am, Sir, very much obliged to you, Sir, for the interest and help which you have given to the Council during the year.

SANDAKAN LIGHT & POWER.

Favourable Effects of Exchange.

SUBSTANTIAL CASH RESERVES.

The eighth ordinary meeting of the Sandakan Light and Power Co., (1922), Ltd., was held in the head office of the Company, St. George's Building, at noon to-day. After the Secretary had read the notice convening the meeting and the auditors' report, the Chairman addressed the meeting as follows:—

The report and accounts for the year ended June 30, 1930, having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read.

The profit on Working Account, without including provision for depreciation amounting to \$27,296.86, is \$64,871.73, and shows an increase of approximately 35 1/2 per cent. over that of last year; but I must point out to you that this is in a great measure due to the favourable rates of exchange prevailing during the year, as our earnings are in Straits currency. The increase in the total energy sold was 96,805 units, an increase of approximately 17 per cent., this being primarily due to the gradual increase in the demand from the Water Works.

The net balance on Working Account is \$37,574.87. After putting aside \$2,693.94 to Sinking Fund for replacing the cost of our concession, and charging Managing Agents' commission and Consulting Committee's, Directors' and auditors' fees, there remains, after crediting interest, income from investments and scrip fees totalling \$3,136.82, a balance to credit of Profit and Loss Account of \$32,569.75, which is transferred to the General Profit and Loss Account as per Balance Sheet.

This sum of \$32,569.75 has been applied to the reduction of the adverse balance of \$82,951.48 brought forward from last year, leaving now at debit of General Profit and Loss Account a sum of \$50,381.73.

This, I think, Gentlemen, you will admit, is satisfactory, but our Manager reports that the general depression in trade all over the world is also affecting Borneo, and we fear we shall feel the effect in reduced earnings this year.

Attractive Rates Offered. The Government Water Works are now connecting services to the various houses, and we are trying to exploit the possibilities of electric water heating during the off-peak-load period by offering attractive rates. Our Manager is of the opinion that there are good prospects.

Our Consulting Engineer paid Sandakan a visit in May of this year, and submitted a detailed report on the workings of the Company. His report states that certain alterations to the high tension mains are to be carried out in order that a ring main in the town be established and continuity of supply be secured by affording alternative feeding routes, and also to avoid in certain areas the main roads where trees abound, which are a source of trouble.

The second of the new Babcock and Wilcox boilers has been erected and put into service, and our boiler plant is now of ample capacity to supply steam for the full load output of our generating plant. Due to the necessity of increasing our spray cooling pond area by the removal of the Manager's present office and also to afford more room for our stores and Meter Testing Department, we have sanctioned an addition to the existing Power Station Building, which it is estimated will cost approximately Straits \$8,000. I regret that the coal mining operations in Sandakan Bay, to which I referred in my remarks last year, have been completely shut down.

Substantial Cash Reserves. You will see from the Balance Sheet that we have built up a very substantial cash reserve, the money being invested in Government bonds and in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

PRINCE GEORGE.

THROWN FROM HIS HORSE WHILST HUNTING.

SHOULDER INJURED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Prince George, who was thrown when out yesterday with the Belvoir hounds and suffered injury to the muscles of his left shoulder, passed a fairly comfortable night. His progress is satisfactory, but it will be some days before he can use his arm and, in order to give it more rest, he did not return to Sandringham to-day as expected. — British Wireless Service.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

CHINESE POSES AS A DETECTIVE.

QUEER STORY.

A queer report concerning an alleged highway robbery at Yau-mat was contained in the Police reports issued this morning.

Chan To, stated to be unemployed and living at 59, Ah Yuen Street, To Kwa Wan, in his report stated that he was out for a walk in King's Park last night with his fiancée, when at about 9.30 o'clock they were accosted by a Chinese, who declared himself to be a detective, and demanded to search Chan. They went to the hillside near Mr. E. Cock's house, where the "robber" asked for \$30 with a view to letting Chan free, but the latter insisted that they should go to the Police Station. However, Chan was relieved of \$11 and a gold watch, and told to go home. The robber made his escape by the direction of No. 3 railway bridge.

STOP PRESS

Amsterdam, Yesterday. Dr. Rabbethge, leader of the German delegation to the Brussels Sugar Conference has informed Mr. Chadbourne that the German sugar industry must stand by its demand for an export quota of 450,000 tons for the first year, and 350,000 for the following four years.—Reuter.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

ITALIAN AIR SQUADRON HELD UP BY STORM.

PROPELLERS NEEDED.

Rabat, Yesterday. Colonel Balbo's seaplanes encountered a hail storm near Balma, Portuguese Guinea, where they are now held up. New propellers were asked for and a commercial aeroplane left Casablanca yesterday carrying a mechanic and seven propellers, but was forced to land in the Sahara. A second aeroplane from Agadir brought back the crew of the first plane to Agadir.—Reuter.

but rubber also, the other main industry, is, as you know, going through a very lean period at present.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented to the meeting, and when that has been seconded shall be pleased to answer questions from shareholders.

Seconded by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, and carried unanimously. Mr. A. L. Shields proposed, and Mr. J. Toppin seconded, the election of the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. C. A. da Rosa to the Board of Directors. Carried. Mr. J. P. Tavares proposed, and Mr. Tse Tsan-tai seconded, the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Beth and Fleming as auditors for the ensuing year at a remuneration of \$350 each. Those present were Mr. R. G. Shawan, (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Messrs. C. A. da Rosa and S. M. Chum, (Directors), Mr. P. Braga, (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. C. Shawan, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin, W. M. Johnston, J. C. Shawan, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin, W. M. Johnston, J. C. Shawan, A. L. Shields, J. Toppin, W. M. Johnston.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE COMPANY.

Increase in Capital Approved.

MANY LAND INVESTMENTS.

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, held in the Hong Kong Hotel this morning, a resolution authorising an increase of capital from \$1,500,000, as at present, to \$3,000,000, by the creation of 150,000 new shares, was adopted. A further resolution, sanctioning the immediate issue of 50,000 of the new shares to the present shareholders, on terms laid down, was also passed.

Terms of Resolution. The Secretary, Mr. reading the notice convening the meeting, gave the resolutions in tota. They were as follows:—

(1) That the authorised capital of the Company (which is now \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares fully paid up of the nominal value of \$10 per share all of which have been issued) be increased from \$1,500,000 consisting of 150,000 shares of nominal value of \$10 each by the creation of 150,000 additional new shares of the nominal value of \$10 each.

(2) That 50,000 of the said 150,000 new shares be offered forthwith (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three issued shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on December 29, 1930 are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the said 150,000 issued shares at a premium of \$2.50 per share and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$2.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

(3) That such offer as aforesaid be made by notice specifying the number of new shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time or times within which the offer if not accepted by the member either on behalf of such member or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and the Directors be at liberty to fix such respective times, and to extend such times to such date or dates and upon such terms as they may think fit and further that any of the said 50,000 new shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of in such manner at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

(4) That no shareholder shall be entitled to claim for a fraction of an additional new share in respect of any odd share held by him.

(5) That the remaining 100,000 new shares constituting the Company's unissued capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

Reasons For Increase. The Chairman (Mr. H. Humphreys), explaining the proposed increase in capital, said:—

Gentlemen:—A brief explanation is perhaps necessary as to the reasons which have prompted your Directors to recommend the proposed increase of capital, and the number of shares to be offered to shareholders. The Company's capital was last increased as long ago as 1904 to its present capital of \$1,500,000. There is no doubt that the Company is, under capitalised. We have over 26 lakhs invested in land and buildings, and in the opinion of your Directors an increase of capital is not only justified, but necessary. We anticipate no difficulty in maintaining our usual dividend of 5 per cent. on the increased capital. You will observe from the notice that you have received that the proposed issue of 150,000 new shares will be made at a premium of \$2.50 per share, and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal value due in respect of such new shares plus the said premium of \$2.50 per share (making \$12.50 per share) shall be payable in full. Such new shares shall rank for dividend as from the respective dates of allotment and in all other respects pari passu with the shares constituting the Company's present issued capital.

"OVERTHROW THE TAME DOGS!"

Alleged Seditious Documents.

FOKI CHARGED.

At the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, You Kwai (26), a foki employed by the Talkoo Sugar Refinery, was charged with the unlawful possession on December 19, at 8a East Street, Quarry Bay of seditious documents, which were likely to cause a breach of the peace. He denied the charge.

Detective-Sergeant Kennedy appeared for the prosecution. Evidence given by a Chinese detective, was to the effect that some documents were found in a box for which the defendant produced a key which opened it, and some papers were found concealed in a Chinese tea caddy.

Referring to one of the documents which related to some trouble at the Gas Works, his Worship said that there was surely some underlying fact for the statement, and that it should be enquired about.

Sergeant Kennedy replied that as far as he knew there had been no trouble at the Gas Works. His Worship queried as to how it was alleged that the documents were likely to cause breach of the peace and the Sergeant replied that it might interfere with the foremen coming out of the Talkoo Docks.

His Worship said that he found it hard to see that there was anything there. It did not say anything about overthrowing with force or attacking them. "Overthrow" clearly meant to throw out. He held that the Red flag document was a tissue of lies, and that to say that the Hong Kong Government was getting \$300,000,000 as a squeeze to pay for the military, was absolute rubbish. He held also that the documents were more calculated to cause unrest.

Sergeant Kennedy: There is one reference there about the Nanyang Tobacco Company trouble. There was some definite trouble there a little while ago.

His Worship pointed out that the documents claimed to state incidents that had occurred as news, or so-called news. It did not incite anybody to do anything. The "Overthrow the tame dogs" business in one of the papers, was nothing serious.

Sergeant Kennedy said that it might deter the workers from going to work, but his Worship replied that that was no offence. He added that the Sergeant should consult his superior officers to consider the matter in that light, and that he (the Magistrate) found it pretty difficult.

Accused was remanded to tomorrow at noon.

ARMED ROBBER'S HAUL.

Brief news of an armed robbery has reached Police Headquarters. It appears that three men, one armed with a pocket-knife, entered the first floor of 105, Whitefield, and, after overpowering the inmates, escaped with a haul of jewellery and money to the total value of \$140.

The robbery was committed about 11.30 this morning. The remaining 100,000 shares until such time as a further issue of capital may become necessary.

It is further proposed to offer these 50,000 shares to present shareholders in the proportion of shares at a premium of \$2.50 per one new share to every three old shares, viz. at \$12.50 per share and to call up the amount due by April 25, 1931, so that the new issue shares will rank for dividends and other benefits as from May 1, 1931.

The first resolution was then passed, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. J. H. Beth, and the second resolution, proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. W. A. Dowley, was passed immediately afterwards.

Supporting the Chairman were the Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Macle, Messrs. J. Scott, Harrison, J. H. Parker, and J. M. Alves, (Directors), together with Mr. M. B. Burns, (Legal Adviser). Shareholders present were Messrs. J. D. Humphreys, W. A. Dowley, H. E. Forry, C. W. Holmes, J. H. Beth, J. A. Tarrant, C. W. Holmes, J. H. Beth, J. A. Tarrant, C. W. Holmes, J. H. Beth, J. A. Tarrant.

ATTEMPTED ARSON CHARGES.

Trial of Three Chinese at Assizes.

CROWN INDICTMENT.

The case of alleged attempted arson against three Chinese named Li Siu-ping alias Li Yau, Li Yuen, and Yeung Fu, opened at the Assizes to-day before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) and the following jury: Messrs. J. L. McPherson (foreman), S. Gidley, J. Sloan, H. J. Howard, F. Wilkinson, Louis Kai Hing, and Ip Fook-lung.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, whilst Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Deacons) appeared for the defence of the first and second accused. No. 3 was not legally represented.

The Charges. All accused themselves pleaded "not guilty" to the three charges preferred against them. They are, in effect, as under:—

- (1) Attempting to set fire to 77, Wing Lok Street after midnight on October 18;
- (2) Conspiracy between themselves and with others unknown, between July 8 and October 19, to set fire to the house, 77, Wing Lok Street, with intent to injure and defraud; and
- (3) Setting fire to a camp bed in 77, Wing Lok Street.

Objection to Juror.

When the jurors were being called the name of Mr. Watt Lun was that of the third Chinese to be read out and Mr. Jenkin raised an objection to his serving, but did not give any reason for so objecting.

His Lordship asked Mr. Watt Lun to sit down, and after the jury had been sworn, referred to the exclusion of Mr. Watt Lun and pointed out that the objection did not cast reflection in any way on the gentleman concerned, who, his Lordship said, would be asked to serve on a future date. The remaining jurors were then dismissed by his Lordship until 10.30 a.m. on Monday next.

Mr. Fitzroy handed in plans and photographs of various sections of the building to his Lordship and the jury, and after explaining them, opened the Crown's case.

He said that the Crown alleged that this was a deliberate attempt to set fire to the premises, and how carefully it had been planned he would detail to them, and it would also come out in the evidence to be called.

Whole House Rented.

Mr. Fitzroy said that on July 8 three people, of whom the second accused was one, went to see the owner of 77, Wing Lok Street, and, after an interview, agreed to take the whole house. The rent for the first month was paid, but later the owner had difficulty in getting other rent, and eventually was paid three different amounts.

No sooner had they gone into the house than they set to work deliberately to damage the building. They closed the ground floor by removing the stair from the back and made it run up by the side, thus cutting off communication between the ground floor and the upper floors, except from the outside. The floor of the ground floor was of tiles. Tiles, Mr. Fitzroy commented, did not suit the conspirators, because they built a cubicle underneath the cockloft. It was a room where there was no light, and preparations were made on the ground floor, generally, so that it could be set fire to and burn freely.

Insurance Policies.

The next step, Counsel said, was the arranging of insurance. Certain persons were approached and eventually two policies were taken out, through the same broker, for the total amount of \$31,000. Of this amount, \$26,000 covered stock in trade. By his Lordship: Both insurance policies were taken out on the same day—September 5. One of the policies was for \$11,000 with the Insurance Company of North America for goods and the other for \$20,000 with another company.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.		
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MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Mon.	5th Jan.
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VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Manila Maru (From Kobe)	Sat.	3rd Jan.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwantu Maru	Mon.	5th Jan.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).			
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).			
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MYSTERY SHIPS.

VESSELS WHOSE FATE IS HIDDEN.

Some months ago an American boy with a taste for sea stories put a note in a tin can and threw it into the Atlantic Ocean. Recently it was picked up on the shore of St. Petersburg, Fla., and for a time was taken seriously as a message from one of the crew of a ship that mysteriously appeared in New York Harbour 23 years ago. The ship was the Commodore of Philadelphia. The lad, not knowing of the ship and its story, current many years before he was born, wrote the note as a plea for help for "our ship the Commodore." Newspapers all over the country printed it and told again the mysterious story.

The tale of the Commodore of Philadelphia is, like many another mystery of the sea, still unsolved, like the mysteries of the Marie Celeste, the U.S.S. Cyclops and other ships.

The fate of the Commodore of Philadelphia is to arrive in New York Harbour suddenly from nowhere. On the night of April 6, 1901, according to Tebo's Basin, in South Brooklyn, drifting with the tide.

After workmen had hailed her and no answer was received, they boarded her and found not a soul on board. Every nook and cranny was searched, but no trace of life was found. How the Commodore could have drifted into the harbour

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 26th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd January, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel, must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 12th January, 1931, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 2nd January, 1931, at 10 a.m. by our surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

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Hong Kong, 26th December, 1930.

was as much of a mystery as where she came from or who owned her. An investigation disclosed that she was not registered in any country in the world. As far as officials were concerned, she did not exist. Yet there she was.

The Marie Celeste. An odd story. Yet even more thrilling and baffling is that of the Marie Celeste. She was launched in May, 1861, as the Amazon. Later she was refitted and admitted to American registry as the Marie Celeste, and in November, 1871, she left New York for Genoa with a cargo of alcohol. Captain Briggs commanded. With him went his wife and daughter and a crew of 15.

On December 4, one month later, she was picked up 300 miles west of Gibraltar by the British brigantine Doi Gratia. Not a soul was on board. Nothing but the humans who boarded her in New York, a chronometer and the ship's papers were missing.

In the quarters used by the captain's wife a dress reposed only partly completed on a sewing machine, a thimble by its side. A half-finished breakfast in the crew's quarters still lay on plates. Everything was shipshape. Even the bunks were made.

The ship was towed to port and eventually her cargo reached Genoa. Personal belongings of those who disappeared were sent to relatives and for several years an investigation was carried on.

In more recent years is recorded the disappearance of the U.S.S. Cyclops. Out of Barbados on March 4, 1918, bound north, with a cargo of manganese for use in the manufacture of munitions she was to pick up allied naval escorts along the way.

Hundreds saw the ship steam away. No one ever saw her again nor any of the 293 souls who were aboard.

Calm seas prevailed, and if she sank no trace has ever been found—and that in itself would be odd, for there is seldom a wreck but that some mark of its passing is not eventually thrown ashore with the tides.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—

Berwick—West Wall Dock.
Bruce—No. 8 buoy.
Cornflower—East wall.
Herald—No. 4 buoy.
Iroquois—East Wall.
Marazion—South wall.
Medway—North arm.
Moorehen—South wall.
Sandwich—No. 6 buoy.
Sepoy—In dock.
Serapis—No. 7 buoy.
Somme—No. 12 buoy.
Sterling—No. 11 buoy.
Stormcloud—In dock.
Suffolk—No. 3 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—In dock.
Foreign, Men-of-War.
Argus—French gunboat.
Hia Fu—Chinese gunboat.
Mindanao—American gunboat.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Canada arrived at Shanghai on December 27 (Sat.) at 7 a.m., left Shanghai on December 27 (Sat.) at 2 p.m., and is due at Kobe on December 29 (Mon.) at 10 a.m. She leaves Kobe on December 29 (Mon.) at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on December 28 (Fri.) at 4 p.m., left Shanghai on December 27 (Sat.) at 1 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on December 29 (Mon.) at 12 p.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on December 30 (Tues.) at 5 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Hong Kong on December 25 (Thurs.) at noon, left Hong Kong on December 26 (Fri.) at 9 a.m., and is due at Hong Kong on January 9 (Fri.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on January 10 (Sat.) at 5 p.m.

The British ship, Benliff, from London, Middlebrook, Antwerp, London, Swatow, and Philippines, is expected to arrive at Hong Kong on January 10.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Friday, Dec. 26.
Celtic Star, British str., 3,466 tons, Capt. T. Williams, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—Dodwell & Co.
Gange, Italian str., 6,752 tons, Capt. Petros, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3—Dodwell & Co.
Golden Star, American str., 4,117 tons, Capt. O. Lee, from Manila, buoy No. A25—States S.S. Co.
Lahore, British str., 3,161 tons, Capt. J. H. Hollow, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4—M. M. & Co.
Sun Kong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Captain Lai Kwong, from K. C. Wan, Saikong Wharf—Wo Hop & Co.

Saturday, Dec. 27.
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Mervan, from Haiphong, buoy No. A8—M. M. Ceylon, Swedish str., 3,266 tons, Capt. O. Hedding, from Manila, Stonecutters' Anchorage—Gilman & Co.
Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. J. Maley, from Canton, West Point Anchorage—B. & S.
Chusan, British str., 1,338 tons, Captain R. Kettleswell, from Canton, buoy No. C14—B. & S.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grierson, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On & Co.
Lahn, German str., 5,556 tons, Captain Theo Minssen, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—Melchers & Co.

Lee Sang, British str., 972 tons, Capt. R. J. T. Hopkins, from Tientsin, buoy No. C35—J. M. & Co.
Michael Jobson, Danish str., 1,945 tons, Captain H. Ipland, from Hoihow, buoy No. B21—Jensen & Co.

Nagara, Swedish str., 3,979 tons, Capt. C. H. Armstedt, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2—Gilman & Co.

Nanning, British str., 1,486 tons, Capt. C. Carrington, from Canton, buoy No. B40—B. & S.
Nanchang, British str., 1,488 tons, Capt. G. A. Evans, from Amoy, buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Pres. Adams, American str., 6,345 tons, Captain M. Griffith, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—Dollar S.S. Line.
Ravnefjell, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. C. H. Tennefoss, from Chinwangtao, buoy No. A52—Dodwell & Co.

Szechuen, British str., 1,594 tons, Captain C. E. Fisher, from Swatow, buoy No. B17—B. & S.
Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. J. H. Hodgkiss, from

Hoihow, buoy No. B37—B. & S.

Tokushima Maru, Japanese str., 3,702 tons, Captain S. Kameyama, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Unyo Maru No. 3, Japanese str., 1,769 tons, Capt. Y. Morita, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage—Y. Sato & Co.
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Empress of Russia	May 8	May 11	May 14	May 16
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30
Empress of Asia	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27
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TALMA	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	17th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHIVA	9,185	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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SERGT. J. J. POST.

SAD SEQUEL TO MOTOR
ACCIDENT.

DEATH IN HOSPITAL.

Lance Sergeant John James Post of the Police Traffic Department, who was the victim of a motor cycling accident in Lower Albert Road on Christmas Day, died in the Government Civil Hospital shortly after 2.30 a.m. yesterday.

His passing away in such a tragic manner at the age of only 26 years is deeply regretted by his many comrades, senior officers of the Force and friends, the deepest sympathy of all of whom will go out to his brother, Acting Sub-Inspector E. A. Post, sister-in-law, and mother who lives in Kent.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, and was well attended, the coffin being drawn from the mortuary on a gun-carriage by a number of his comrades, whilst a detachment representative of every section of the Force followed. His brother was the chief mourner. The coffin was borne to the grave by Lance-Sergeants R. Paton, J. Brown, W. MacHardy, A. Graves, A. McInnes and W. Williamson. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave performed the burial service.

Those present included the Inspector General of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., (D.S.P. Hong Kong), Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, A.S.P. (K.); Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P.; Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P.; Mr. A. N. Reynolds, C.D.I.; Insp. A. R. Clarke, Detective-Inspector Fallon, Insp. C. F. Alexander, Insp. W. Shannon, Insp. K. W. Andrew, Insp. T. Marks, Insp. J. Murphy, Insp. Stimson, Insp. J. Moss, Messrs. A. W. Grimmit, T. Bolt, A. J. C. Taylor, W. E. Holands, F. H. W. Haynes, S. Logan, and B. C. Randall.

The many floral tributes included those from his brother and sister-in-law, Anne and Arthur, Bill, Daisy and husband, Effie, Bill and family, Dan, Ernie, Flo, Ern and family, Gladys and Ted, George, Jack, Leah Strelly, Maud, Dick and family, and "A Friend."

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police), Mr. T. H. King, (Deputy Inspector General of Police), Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., (D.S.P. Hong Kong), Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, A.S.P. (K.), Inspector C. F. Alexander, officer in charge Traffic Department, the various Police Stations and messes, the Victoria Jail mess, the Fire Brigade, the Police Reserves, "Flying Squad," the Civil Service Club, the Police Recreation Club, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and Brethren of the United Services Lodge, No. 1841 E.C., and numerous personal tributes from colleagues and friends.

INSPECTOR SAVAGE.

LARGE NUMBER ATTEND AT
THE GRAVESIDE.

MASSSES OF WREATHS.

The funeral of Sanitary Inspector Ernest Savage took place in the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, on Saturday evening, in the presence of a large and representative gathering, which included Mr. G. R. Sayer (Head of the Sanitary Department), Dr. G. W. Pope, (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. W. J. Carrie, Chief Sanitary Inspector C. E. Frith, Dr. Begbie, Senior Inspector Taylor, and Sanitary Inspectors, Hooper, Lacey, Braley, Brewer, Clark, Foster, Woolley, and Lockhart, and Messrs. Jones, Bolt, Watson, Morley, and Brookbanks from the Public Works Department, as well as many others. Mr. G. W. R. Griggs acted as chief mourner. Chief Inspector A. R. Clark and Inspector J. Murphy, of the Police, were also present. The coffin, which was draped with a Union Jack, was borne to the graveside by six pall bearers.

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Spore, Penang & Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon., 10th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji	HOSANG	Tues., 30th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUMSANG	Tues., 20th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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Detachments of the St. John Ambulance Brigade divisions, under their superintendent, (Mr. A. Morris), Mr. J. Ralston (senior Corps officer) and the following officers—Messrs. T. K. Chak, Sze To, M. A. Khan, A. H. Rumjahn, Fan Shiu-nam and Lam Wing-kam, attended in uniform. Deceased himself was an officer of the Kowloon Division. Mrs. R. Langley (Hon. Secretary of the Brigade) also attended.

TROUBLE IN BURMA.

BATTALION SENT TO DISTURBED AREA.

Rangoon, Saturday.
The situation in the disturbed area is reported to be more satisfactory. A party of police under Captain Rust have recovered the body of Mr. Fields-Clarke.

During the past 24 hours, isolated rebel gangs have raided and looted several villages. The Punjabis and Buifs reached Tharrawaddy, from where parties were despatched against the rebels. Seventeen were captured in the Insein district. A battalion of the Burma Rifles will be sent to the disturbed area.

It is unofficially reported that the rebels, whose activities have been confined to the Tharrawaddy district, number 2,000 and possess firearms and plenty of ammunition. Their selection of forest fastnesses as their headquarters, has enabled the main body to elude capture, so far. Their casualties are reported to be between 100 and 150, but this is unconfirmed. It is known however that so far 50 have been captured.

The Government is taking all steps to deal with the situation and the Governor of Burma has curtailed his tour of the Delta and returned to Rangoon.—Reuter.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

VISITS VICTIM OF AIR
ACCIDENT.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Marshall Chiang Kai-shek, who specially visited Shanghai to see General Hsiung Shih-hui, called on the patient yesterday.—Reuter.

[General Hsiung Shih-hui was a passenger in the China Airways plane which crashed in the river near Shanghai, on December 9, and he was taken to hospital unconscious and suffering from concussion.]

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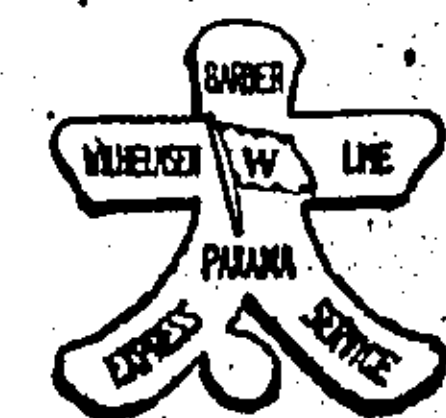
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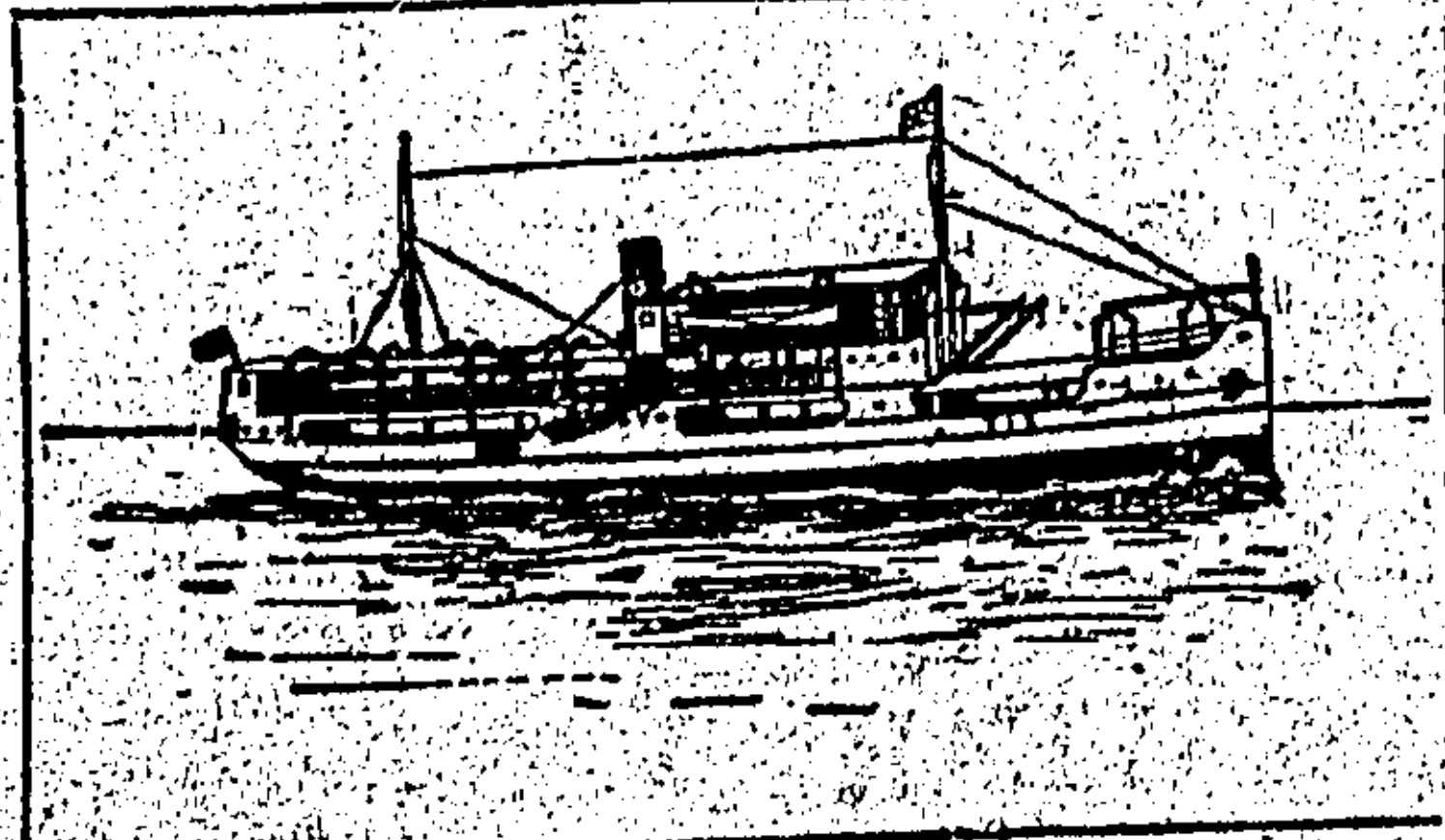
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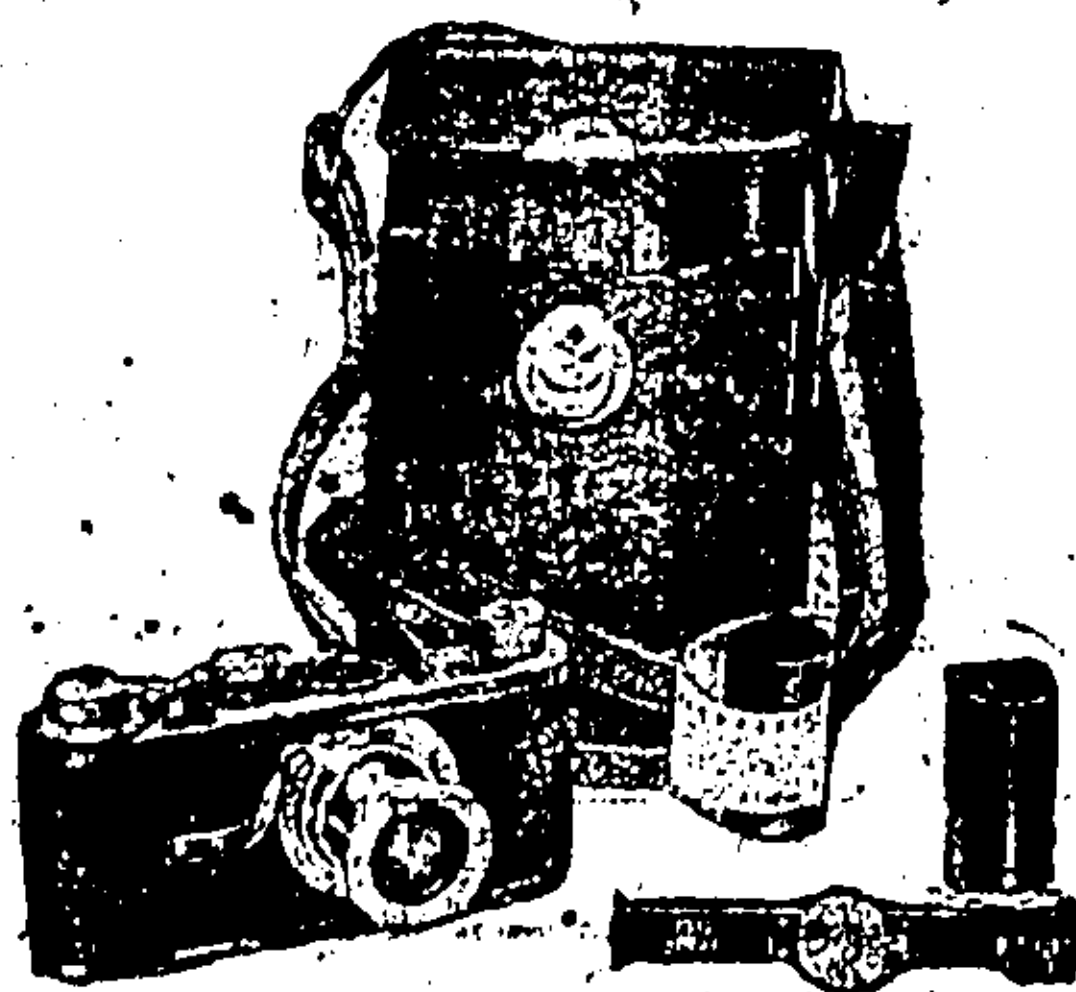
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AGRICULTURAL SHOW

According to those in a position
to judge those who attended
previous Agricultural Shows in
the New Territories—this year's
Show revealed a regrettable
weakening in the quality of the
exhibits. This critical com-
parison need not, however, deter
the organisers from continuing their
efforts to shake Chinese farmers
and vegetable cultivators out of
their traditional lethargy and to
instill into them a keen desire to
breed better cattle and to extract
from the soil a higher quality of
fruit and vegetables. It is an
Herculean task—one that requires
stimulation and encouragement
rather than the cold douche of
criticism.

Agricultural Shows have been
held in Malaya for over a quarter
of a century, a different venue
being chosen each time, and the
results have assuredly trans-
cended the fondest hopes of the
pioneer organisers. The material
on which they work there is
naturally more Malay than Chin-
ese, but it has been wonderful to
watch the growth of the spirit of
emulation and rivalry in all
classes of agriculture and horticulture, besides native industries.
Governors, Chief Secretaries, Re-
sident Councilors, and Residents
of States have during that long
period given the greatest possible
encouragement to the organiza-
tion of Agricultural Shows, and
it is to be hoped that the same
policy will be followed in the future.

rounded in the earlier years, the
chief being to demonstrate to the
Oriental cultivator the value of
improving the quality of his soil
with its automatic improvement
in the quality of the product.

In this Colony the need for an
agricultural campaign may not be
realised by the average dweller in
the city who is quite indifferent
to the origin of his fruit or vege-
tables so long as he can procure
these at reasonable prices and
with regularity of supplies. His
interest may be quickened tem-
porarily on the occasion of the
Horticultural Shows; but, unless
he takes the little trouble in-
volved in a personal inspection of
the vegetable exhibits, he cannot
be expected to widen his vision
and journey to the New Terri-
tories with the dual object of im-
proving his own knowledge of
matters agricultural and of
evidencing to the native cultiva-
tors that the very large populace
Chinese and non-Chinese—of
the city are taking something
more than a mere sympathetic in-
terest in their work.

This year's Show in the New
Territories is only the fourth;
but, in spite of the annual finan-
cial struggle to make ends meet,
and in spite of any show of im-
patience with the results achieved
in that short time the mem-
bers of the New Terri-
tories Agricultural Associa-
tion—its infancy—need not be either discouraged or
disheartened. They have the satis-
faction of knowing that they are
working on the right lines and
that they have the blessing of the
Government of the Colony, with-
out which precious little can be
done. The great essential, of
course, is co-operation and com-
bination on the part of the native
cultivator, but that again im-
plies education and encourage-
ment of the right sort. We look
to the future of the New Terri-
tories with every confidence; the
seeds that have been sown during
the past four years cannot but
bear abundant fruit, provided
that the sowing is persevered in
and of that, fortunately, there is
not the slightest doubt.

News in Brief

The Kwong Yik Co., Ltd., have
sold their interests in the Sams
Co., Ltd., which will be the sole
representative of the Sams Co., Ltd.
in Hong Kong.

Miss Wang, Secretary to the
Chinese Agricultural Society, has
been elected to the position of
Honorary Treasurer of the same
body.

As from the 30th instant our
offices will be located on the 7th
floor of China Building—Hong
Kong American Trading Company.
—Advt.

The 9 p.m. time signals, by lamps
on the Observatory radio mast, will
be repeated at mid-night on Decem-
ber 31. The last signal will in-
dicate the close of the year 1930.

Senders of telegrams are inform-
ed that, owing to one faulty cable
between Hong Kong and Shanghai,
telegrams to and from Shanghai
and beyond may be subject to slight
delay.

It has been reported to the Police
by Mr. H. S. Rouse, of 2 Chatham
Road, that between December 22
and 28, some person stole from his
dressing table, a gold signet ring,
valued at \$45.

A Chinese stone breaker was
yesterday taken to the Government
Civil Hospital suffering from an in-
jury in the leg, which he received
during blasting operations at a
vacant piece of ground at the rear
of Whitfield.

Charged with loitering with
felonious intent in a backyard at
No. 514, Shanghai Street a Chinese
pleaded "guilty" at the Kowloon
Magistrate's court and was fined
\$50 or in default one month's im-
prisonment.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer of China
announce the opening of their office
in Hong Kong, in the Industrial
& Commercial Bank Building. Mr.
B. A. Proulx, formerly of the
Dollar Steamship Line, has been
appointed manager.

George Andrews, a ship's officer,
was charged at Kowloon Magis-
trate's court this morning with be-
having in a disorderly manner, by fight-
ing in the Nathan Hotel this morning.
He failed to appear, and his bail of
\$10 was exstated.

Mr. C. Dalziel, residing at 5
Armed Buildings, has reported to
the Police that between 12.45 and
3 p.m. yesterday some person stole
his fixed-wheel B.S.A. bicycle
valued at \$80, which was parked
outside the house in Kimberley
Road.

R.A.O.B.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE AND
PARTY

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.

Under the auspices of the Sir
James Oxberry Lodge, with which
other Lodges of the Grand Lodge
of England and the Grand Council
cheerfully co-operated, the
second annual Christmas Tree
and children's party was held in
the R.A.O.B. Club yesterday after-
noon. There was a large attend-
ance of parents and children, who
spent a very merry time, as did
a number of Service men who
were present as onlookers or help-
ers. Great pains had been taken
in the matter of decorations, the
transformation effected reflecting
the utmost credit on those to
whom this was undoubtedly a
labour of love.

Following pianoforte selections
by Miss Beatrice Cullen and Mr.
W. A. Bennett, parlour games so
dear to the hearts of the juveniles
were indulged in, providing much
mirth and merriment. At an ap-
propriate interval the children ad-
journed to the smaller hall, where
a sumptuous tea had been provid-
ed and to which they and the
grown-ups did ample justice.

The "Great Moment"
—More music, parlour games, and
community singing of popular
choruses followed. In addition to a
song by Mr. Thomas, until the great
moment to which all the ladies
had been looking forward—the
raising of the curtain on the well-
laden Christmas Tree and the ad-
vent of Father Christmas.
The range, variety, and value of the
gifts on the Tree evoked many
expressions of appreciation of
those responsible for their selec-
tion. In less time than it takes
to write this report the Tree was
demanded and the children were in
transports of delight with the
gifts distributed to them by
Father Christmas, who made his
exit to the strains of "For He's a
Jolly Good Fellow."

Appreciations

Mr. C. W. Wilson, Chairman of
the Christmas Tree Committee,
expressed thanks to the Chairman
and Committee of the R.A.O.B.
Club for the use of the Club for
the entertainment, to Mrs.
Elliott and Mr. J. Holland,
for the selection of the gifts, to
all who had helped with the de-
corations and with the entertain-
ment, and to the parents for
their attendance and to Mr. J.
Holland, for his assistance in the
raising of the curtain on the well-
laden Christmas Tree and the ad-
vent of Father Christmas.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN
AND CHILDREN.

League's Commission
of Enquiry

ARRIVAL IN THE COLONY.

The Commission of Enquiry into
the Traffic in Women and Children
in the East arrived in Hong
Kong on Saturday. Any person
or organisation wishing to meet
the Commission is requested to
communicate with the Secretary,
Mr. W. von Schmieden at the
Peninsula Hotel.

International collaboration in
the combat against the traffic in
women and children has only been
in existence for about 30 years.
The movement was started by pri-
vate initiative. It was in 1899
that the first international con-
gress was held to consider the
problem of the traffic. At that
congress an international bureau
for the suppression of traffic in
women and children was founded
with the object of co-ordinating
the work of voluntary national or-
ganisations dealing with the mat-
ter.

Mainly as an outcome of the
efforts of this conference, a meet-
ing of Government representatives
was held in 1904 as the result
of which an international agreement
was drawn up and signed by the
different countries and a central
Government authority was set up
in each country which was charged
with the co-ordination of all in-
formation connected with the pro-
curing of women or girls for im-
moral purposes abroad.

This was followed six years lat-
er, in 1910, by an international
convention under which the con-
tracting States undertook to intro-
duce certain measures in their
legislation.

In 1920 the League of Nations
came into existence, one of its
functions being the development
of international co-operation in
various kinds of human activity.
Consequently the League, by the
terms of Article 22c of its Coven-
ant, is specially entrusted with
the general supervision of the
execution of the agreements men-
tioned above. Thus the necessity
of ensuring the protection of
women and children has received
official and universal recognition
throughout the world.

One of the first preoccupations
of the League was to consider
how to carry out the task confer-
red on it by article 22c of the
Covenant. A new international
conference was convened which
was attended by the representa-
tives of 33 countries and at which
was drawn up an international
convention for the suppression of
traffic in women and children.
The 1921 Convention supplements
previous agreements by extending
their scope to include women of
all races. This corresponds to
the world-wide organisation of
the League of Nations.

Permanent Advisory Committee.
In accordance with certain re-
commendations contained in the
1921 Convention the League of
Nations set up a Permanent Ad-
visory Committee whose duty it is
to advise the Council of the
League concerning all inter-
national questions connected with
the traffic in women and children,
which might be submitted to the
committee for consideration.

One of the first things done by
the Permanent Advisory Commit-
tee was to suggest a general en-
quiry into the conditions under
which traffic in women and chil-
dren was carried on.
Enquiries were first carried out
in 23 countries of the European
and American Continents.

On several occasions the As-
sembly of the League of Nations
has expressed the hope that it
would be possible to extend the
enquiries to countries where no
enquiry had yet taken place. In
pursuance of this recommendation
the Secretary-General of the
League communicated with the
Governments of the countries con-
cerned in the Near, Middle and
Far East and asked whether they
would be prepared to accept and
co-operate in an enquiry of this
nature, it being understood that
enquiries would be strictly confined
to the international aspect of the
question.

The League of Nations has en-
trusted this enquiry in the coun-
tries of the East to a Travelling
Commission of three Members.
They are: Mr. Bascom Johnson,
American, Chairman; Dr. Alma
Sundquist, Swedish; and Mr.
Karol Pindor, Polish. Mr. Bascom
Johnson carried out the previous
enquiry in Europe and America;
Madame Sundquist is a well-
known physician who has special-
ly interested herself in women's
social questions in her own coun-
try; and Mr. Pindor is a diplomat
who has spent 25 years of his
life in various Asiatic countries.
Official Government Representative

In each of the countries to be
visited the Government has ap-
pointed an official representative
who will receive the Commission
and act as the channel through
which all official information will
be obtained.

At the end of October the Com-
mission arrived in the East
where it intended to spend 18
months visiting the various coun-
tries and conducting its enquiry.

On its return to Geneva the
Commission will draw up a report
for submission to the League of
Nations giving the results of its
enquiry. In this the informa-
tion collected at Geneva will
cover the greater part of the
world and may lead to the intro-
duction of further steps designed
to ensure the better protection of
women and children throughout
the world.

FIRE IN TOKYO.

RAILWAY MINISTRY OFFICES
DESTROYED.

NO CASUALTIES.

Tokyo, Saturday.
Fire destroyed the Railway
Ministry to-day. There were no
casualties.—Reuter.

POLICE RESERVE.

RESIGNATIONS OF TWO
OFFICERS.

SERVICES APPRECIATED.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General
of Police, are as under:—

General.
Revolver Practice.—There will be
no revolver practice at the Kennedy
Road Range on Wednesday.

Police Training School.
The weekly classes for Police
Reservists at the Police Training
School, Kowloon, will be held as
usual to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. All
members of the Chinese Company,
and of the Flying Squad who have
not yet passed Part 2 of Training
Course should attend.

Chinese Company.
Mr. F. C. Mow Fung, A.S.P.
(R), relinquishes command of the
Chinese Company with effect from
December 31 and is appointed to
command the Emergency Company,
Police Reserve, with effect from
January 1.

The Inspector-General of Police
wishes to express his appreciation
of the services rendered by Mr.
F. C. Mow Fung while commanding
the Chinese Company of the Police
Reserve.

Flying Squad.
Strength.—Sub-Inspector B. C.
Randall relinquishes command of
the Flying Squad, Police Reserve,
with effect from December 31.

The Inspector-General of Police
wishes to express his appreciation
of the services rendered by Mr.
B. C. Randall while commanding
the Flying Squad of the Police
Reserve.

Promotion.—Constable R333
A. W. Mooney of the Hong Kong
Section has been appointed Lance
Sergeant, with effect from Decem-
ber 20.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Kowloon Section will
take place on Tuesday, January 6.
Fall in at Tsim-tai-tai Fire
Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Dress—Winter uniform and cap
with white cover.

The next weekly instructional
patrol of the Hong Kong Section
will take place on Friday, January
3. Fall in at Central Police
Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress
—Winter uniform and cap with
white cover.

Sharpshooters Company.
Leave.—Constable R402 B. S. M.
Veloce has been granted three
months leave of absence from the
Colony, as from December 31.
(Sgd.) D. L. KING.
D. S. F. (R)

Ten Years Ago

From the "China Mail" of
December 29, 1920.

To-day's date is which 31-
12-16.

Recollections are furnished that the
last clock on December 31 for
local subscriptions to the British
National War Memorial and the
British Submarine should com-
mence before that date either
with Mr. John Johnson, vice of
Marine, Mathematics & Co., Ltd., or
with Mr. W. Hill, vice of Bradley &

ATTEMPTED ARSON CHARGES.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Company. This policy was divided thus: \$15,000 for goods, \$3,000 for furniture, and \$2,000 for clothing.

Proceeding, Mr. Fitzroy said that the conspirators then proceeded to buy things and keep books. These books showed various Chinese medicines, including ginseng, and showed the value of the goods to be about the same as the amount of the insurance.

No Survey of Stock.
By his Lordship: The books were prepared as from July 23.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that when the insurance was effected no survey of the stock in the premises was taken. The jury might think that extraordinary, but that fact would be brought out in evidence.

The next step, Counsel said, was to prepare for the carrying out of the project. In October the conspirators, who were known at 77, Wing Lok Street as the Tin Sang Tong firm, took additional premises at 63, Connaught Road West.

By his Lordship: It was certain that Nos. 1 and 2, if not No. 3, were interested in the Tin Sang Tong, and No. 1 was introduced to the insurance people as the master.

Resuming his statement, Mr. Fitzroy said that No. 1 took the place at 63, Connaught Road Central and put up the Po Tai sign, and he slept there that same night (October 14). Previously, No. 1 had all along slept at 77, Wing Lok Street. No. 1 also sent certain foks to live at No. 63 and certain property was also removed there—all, Counsel said, in preparation for the time when No. 77 would be vacated.

Palm Leaves Ordered.
Next, Mr. Fitzroy said, came the preparation to fire No. 77. In this connection, it would be shown that the Po Tai Co., ordered from Kongmoon 15 bales of palm leaves and they arrived on October 18. The bales were not taken to the Po Tai's



"Give me a shilling or I shall drown myself."
"What will you do with the shilling?"
"Take a course in swimming."
—Pages Gates, Yverdon.

premises, but went to No. 77, Wing Lok Street, where they were placed on the ground floor.

Here Mr. Fitzroy told the Court that three carpenters had been at work at No. 77 for some considerable time, coming there day by day. Two foks of the Tin Sang Tong, who, unfortunately, could not be identified, slept on the ground floor of No. 77, and they let in the carpenters and let them out after each day's work, always closing the door behind them.

Dealing again with the palm leaves, Mr. Fitzroy said some of these were taken to the dark room and some on the cockloft of No. 77. At 5 o'clock on the evening of October 18 Nos. 1 and 2 and other foks had their evening meal at No. 77. No. 3 was away, and how he came on the scene they would hear later.

A Huge Blaze.

The carpenters would say that they left at 5 p.m., as the meal was started, and then the bales of palm leaves were intact. At about 6 p.m., the first two prisoners went to sleep at No. 63. About midnight Police whistles were blown by a man who had not been identified. A policeman rushed up and was told that there was a fire. He did not see any smoke, but ran forward until he came to No. 77. Looking through chinks in the door, he saw a huge blaze. He pushed the door, it was not fastened and he went in. Here he found two camp beds and there was fire at the foot of one.

As the constable was going in he saw two people, one of them being third accused, outside. No. 3 had a bundle of books under his arm. The other was not identified. They walked rapidly away, but stopped at the next street corner.

"Nice File Of Shavings."

As soon as he got inside, the policeman tackled the flames and succeeded in putting them out. He found that bales of palm leaves were open in the dark room, the steps leading up to the cockloft were festooned with shavings and on the cockloft was another pile of shavings. And, as the policeman stepped on the shavings, he found them to be of palm leaves. They were not from the bales, but from the steps leading up to the cockloft. They were not from the bales, but from the steps leading up to the cockloft. They were not from the bales, but from the steps leading up to the cockloft.

Not satisfied with this arrangement, the palm leaves were saturated with petrol. There would be evidence that two four gallon tins, one of petrol and the other of kerosene were taken to the Po Tai shop that same day, and the third accused was seen in the afternoon leaving the Po Tai shop with one of the tins wrapped in paper.

The Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, Mr. Fitzroy said, estimated that within three or four minutes the whole place would have been one seething mass of flames, and the neighbouring houses would have been involved.

Why Was This Done?

Mr. Fitzroy said that it might be asked "Why was this done?" and the obvious answer would be to get the insurance.

Continuing, Counsel said that only one thing saved the house and that was that in the dark and the anxiety to make a blaze of it, the trail, which had been prepared under the bed leading to the palm leaves was broken by sweeping with the hands on both sides and heaped up. The policeman snatched a blanket from a bed and put it over this heap, and thus extinguished the fire.

Further evidence, Mr. Fitzroy said would be given that Nos. 1 and 2, together with one of the former's sons went to No. 63 that night and told the foks not to go to No. 77 because the place was burned out!

Why He Waited.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that another policeman came to No. 77 after the raising of the alarm and when he entered the first policeman went out and was surprised to see No. 3 and the other man at the street corner. No wonder he had waited, Counsel said, because it was to be expected that the place would have blown up and he wanted to make sure before leaving.

The constable gave chase and No. 3, who was handicapped by having to carry the books, was arrested. The other man got away.

The Crown's case, Mr. Fitzroy said, was that between 5 and 6 p.m., after the evening meal, the trail was laid and Nos. 1 and 2 were there. It was done with the view of getting the insurance money.

Dealing with the arrest of Nos. 1 and 2, Mr. Fitzroy said that on October 20, No. 1 was accosted by a man employed on a boat owned by the prisoner. There was trouble between the two and the Police took them up. Then No. 1 was identified and held.

No. 2, went to the Po Tai shop on the afternoon of October 19, whilst the Police were in charge, and they arrested him.

Nos. 1 and 2 Partners.

His Lordship inquired if it were alleged that Nos. 1 and 2 were partners in the Tin Sang Tong, and Mr. Fitzroy said that the Crown's case was that they were. There was no such allegation against No. 3, but the point against him was that he was at the bottom of the stairs with the books before the fire had started, and if he was not a partner, it would be difficult to understand what he was doing.

His Lordship: Is it quite clear that there are no subtenants?

Quite clear, my Lord.
Mr. C. A. Grimes, of the P.W.D., was the first witness called to prove the plans and he was followed by Sub-Inspector Vincent who proved the photographs put in by Mr. Fitzroy.

Landlord's Evidence.

When the landlord of the premises at 77, Wing Lok Street was called, Mr. Jenkin, for the defence, cross-examined closely on the question of identification.

Witness said that he had previously given evidence at the Magistrate's to three men hiring his premises. In the Court, when called upon to identify any of them, he recognised No. 2 only. He left the witness box on that occasion to look at the men.

Further cross-examined, witness said he did not know the Yik Kai Bank in Macao. He had never even heard of it.

Reverting to the identification question, his (witness's) son had also been to the Magistrate, but not at the same time as himself. By Mr. Fitzroy: His son was not present when the people came to rent his premises.

Vacant Premises.

Replying to his Lordship, witness said the place had been vacant for three months before they were rented by Tin Sang Tong. The previous occupiers had no cubicles, and when he let the place again there was no electrical installation there of any kind. There was not even a metre. The fittings found in the place when the Police came were put in by Tin Sang Tong. So also were the shop counters.

His Lordship: When you let these premises do I understand that in order to get to the upstairs floors it was necessary to enter at the back? There was no back door, but one had to go to the rear of the premises to the stairs.

Witness went on to depose that there was no cockloft on the first floor when Tin Sang Tong took over. They put it in themselves. They also removed an iron grill which ran across the width of the

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SPECIAL POLICE PATROLS.

Rugby, Yesterday.
The provisions of the new Road Traffic Act abolishing the speed limit and establishing a compulsory third party insurance, comes into force on Thursday next. To deal with an offence such as dangerous driving and the neglect of signals, a special force of Police mounted on motor bicycles and fast cars is being organised. A thousand patrols are expected to be in service by January 1, and about 300 will be on the roads in the London district to-morrow.—British Wireless Service.

ECONOMIC MISSION.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED IN TIENTSIN.

Peking, Saturday.
The British Economic Mission is due to arrive at Tientsin this morning, and the Commercial Attache, Mr. George, has left for Tientsin to meet them. They will remain several days at Tientsin for investigations and social functions, among the latter being an entertainment at dinner by the Hotel Government on December 30. Most of the party intends to visit Peking sight-seeing, within the next few days.—Reuter.

DRIZZLE OR MIST.

To-day's weather report, from the Royal Observatory states:—

The anti-cyclone central over S.E. Mongolia has strengthened.

formed between the Loochoos

A "V" shaped depression has and the Bonins.

The monsoon will freshen

along the S.E. coast of China

and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N. winds; fresh-

freshening to fine at first;

drizzle or mist later.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day

nil. Rainfall since Janu-

ary 1, 96.08 inches against an

average of 83.06.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain

specified heights this morning

at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong 66

Macao 65

Pratas Island 72

Manila 74

Foochow 60

Amoy 60

Swatow 59

Chefoo 30

Shanghai 47

ERUPTION DEATHS.

OVER 1,300 KILLED BY FLOWING LAVA.

Batavia, Yesterday.

The death toll in the eruption

at Merapi is now estimated at

1,300, including hundreds of miss-

ing. The volcano is still pouring

out lava; but there is no danger, as

the whole area has been evacuated.

—Reuter.

STOLE FROM MASTER

CUNNING RUSE TO ALLAY SUSPICION.

Two months' imprisonment was

imposed on Cheung Fuk, a Chin-

ese, charged with the larceny of

\$1.57 from his master at No. 128,

Cheungshawan Road. Cheung

Fuk was employed as a cook at

this address, and, after stealing

the money, attempted to allay sus-

picion by forcing open a suit-case

and making the place appear like

the scene of a robbery.

of the premises, and put in wooden

doors.

Question of Expense.

His Lordship intimated that he

would like the Crown to let the

Jury know, if possible, how much

the tenants had spent upon altera-

tions to the place.

Wong Chung-on, son of the pre-

vious witness, stated that he had

been to No. 77 to ask for rent on

several occasions. He had seen

No. 1 defendant there, but had no

dealings with him at all. He was

never paid any rent. He had seen

No. 1 prisoner at the shop on one

or two occasions only.

An assistant accountant residing

at 79, Wing Lok Street deposed to

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong

Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at

Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-night—Cheero Club Dance,

City Hall, 8 p.m.

To-morrow—Rotary Club tiffin,

Lane Crawford's, 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday—New Year's Eve

Carnivals at Peninsula and Repulse

Bay Hotels.

Wednesday—New Year's Eve

Dance at Craigengower Cricket

Club.

Wednesday—Carnival and Ex-

hibition dances at Hotel Cecil.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre

"Girl Said No." Central Theatre

To-day—Central Theatre

"Captain of the Guard." Theatre

To-day—World Theatre

"The Flying Fleet." Theatre

To-day—Star Theatre

"The Million Dollar Collar." Theatre

To-day—Majestic Theatre

"Interference."

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from America

and ports (President Cleveland and

Empress of Russia); Outward for

Europe via San Francisco, 5 p.m.;

and Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m.;

(President Lincoln).

Meetings.

To-morrow—Annual meeting of

the Society for Protection of Chil-

dren, City Hall, 5.15 p.m.

January 14—Meeting of Gradu-

ates in the Great Hall of the

University, 5.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 9.

LORD MELCHETT.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN BRITISH CAPITALIST.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The papers, in recording the

death of Lord Melchett yesterday

afternoon, print long tributes. The

Sunday Times describes him as the

Field-Marshal of industry and the

Observer refers to the loss of an

inspiring impulse in scientific in-

dustry of a man of the highest

intellectual ability.

Late yesterday Lady Melchett re-

ceived a telegram of sympathy

from the King and Queen. In the

course of which the King says "I

fully recognise how constantly he

devoted his energies to the im-

provement of the industrial life

of the country."

Lord Melchett, who was only 62,

was an advocate of rationalisation

and the architect of a great com-

bine with £76,000,000 capital, the

Imperial Chemical Industry, of

which he was Chairman. He was

Chairman of a dozen other com-

panies and held nearly 30 direc-

torates altogether. He was a

Member of Parliament from 1906

to 1923, when he was raised to the

peerage and served as Commis-

sioner of Works during the War

and later as Minister of Health.

He was President of the World

Power Conference in 1928. A by-

election is necessitated by his death

as his heir, the Honourable Henry

Mond, is Conservative member for

the East Tootth Division of Liver-

pool. Lord Melchett was an ardent

supporter of the Zionist movement

and for the past 10 years in close

touch with the Zionist executive.

British Wireless Service.

[Earlier telegrams stated that

Lord Melchett was suffering from

a severe attack of phlebitis, and on

Saturday it was reported that he

had become weaker during the

night and that his condition was

grave. Alfred Moritz Mond, later

Lord Melchett, was born at Farn-

worth, Lancashire, in October 1868.

His father was Dr. Ludwig Mond

who settled in England and helped

to found the great alkali works of

Brunner, Mond and Co., based on

the Cheshire salt deposits.

Alfred Mond was educated at

Cheltenham, St. John's College,

Cambridge, and Edinburgh. Called

to the Bar, he practised for a

time in the provinces, but later

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Sport Columns

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S
LEAGUE GAMES.

HEAVY SCORING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, Saturday.

To-day's League matches re-

sulted as under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal 7 Blackpool 1

Aston Villa 7 Manchester U. 0

Blackburn 3 Liverpool 3

Chelsea 5 Grimsby 0

Derby 1 Leicester 0

Huddersfield 2 West Ham. 0

Manchester C. 2 Sunderland 0

Middlesbrough 3 Bolton 0

Newcastle 1 Wednesday 0

Preston N.E. 1 Leeds U. 1

Sheffield U. 3 Birmingham 1

Goals.

Arsenal 22 15 5 2 68 31 35

Wednesday 22 13 5 4 60 34 31

Aston Villa 22 12 6 5 67 47 30

Derby 22 11 7 5 53 36 26

Portsmouth 22 10 8 5 53 40 27

West Ham 22 11 4 8 46 44 24

Middlesbrough 22 8 7 7 52 42 23

Blackburn 22 9 5 9 51 47 23

Sheffield U. 22 8 7 8 47 43 23

Chelsea 22 9 5 9 45 43 23

Leicester 22 10 3 10 49 55 23

Liverpool 22 9 4 10 37 41 22

Manchester C. 22 8 3 12 40 48 19

Leeds 22 8 3 11 45 51 19

Newcastle 22 6 7 10 35 44 18

Birmingham 22 6 7 10 35 44 18

Bolton 22 7 1 11 31 43 18

Grimsby 22 7 12 34 39 17

Blackpool 22 6 5 12 39 76 17

Manchester U. 22 2 3 18 27 7

Division II.

Barnsley 5 Port Vale 2

Bristol C. 4 Oldham 1

Bury 1 West Brom. 1

Cardiff 1 Swansea 0

Charlton 2 Bradford C. 1

Everton 9 Plymouth 1

Reading 1 Tottenham 2

Southampton 2 Preston N.E. 1

Stoke 2 Millwall 3

Wolves 4 Notts Forest 2

Goals.

Everton 22 15 4 3 50 25 31

West Brom. 22 15 0 8 57 35 30

Tottenham 22 13 2 8 54 29 23

Preston N.E. 22 12 4 7 56 34 23

Port Vale 22 12 3 8 48 41 27

Barnsley 22 11 5 6 51 38 26

Bradford 22 10 5 8 35 29 25

Southampton 22 11 3 8 47 42 25

Bury 22 8 6 9 35 44 22

Stoke 22 8 6 10 35 42 21

Swansea 22 8 5 10 36 42 21

Charlton 22 8 5 10 36 42 21

Oleham 22 8 5 10 36 42 21

Bristol C. 22 8 5 10 36 42 21

Bradford C. 22 6 11 32 43 18

Barnsley 22 6 10 10 24 40 18

Plymouth 22 7 12 34 49 17

Millwall 22 7 13 43 58 17

Notts For. 22 4 8 11 44 57 15

Cardiff 22 3 13 35 53 16

Reading 22 5 15 31 63 13

Division III—Southern.

Bournemouth 4 Swindon 1

Brighton 5 Gillingham 0

Clapton O. 2 Walsall 1

Crystal Pal. 3 Southend 1

Northampton 1 Bristol R. 1

Norwich 1 Exeter 1

Notts C. 4 Coventry 1

Thames 1 Queen's P.R. 0

Torquay 3 Newport 3

Watford 2 Fulham 2

Goals.

Notts Cnty. 22 15 0 2 58 25 38

Northampton 22 12 6 4 59 44 29

Crystal Pal. 22 12 8 4 57 44 29

Brighton 22 12 8 4 57 44 29

Southend 22 13 2 8 54 29 23

Fulham 22 10 6 7 43 42 25

Brentford 22 10 4 9 52 43 24

Torquay 22 10 4 9 52 43 24

Bournemouth 22 9 6 8 42 43 24

Coventry 22 8 6 10 36 42 21

Exeter 22 8 6 10 36 42 21

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

R.A. SURPRISE ST.
JOSEPH'S.

AIRMEN DESCEND.

In the only first division match

of the day, the R.A. surprised St.

Joseph's and won by the only goal

of the match. The Navy, in the

second league, continued in their

winning vein by soundly defeat-

ing St. Joseph's and as a result

remain at the head of the table.

The Club seconds did well to

hold the Borderers to a draw, as

did the University against the

Athletic. Eastern made no mis-

take in their match with South

China and won by three clear

goals.

In the Third Division, the hopes

of the R.A.O.C. in lifting the

championship of the division were

further diminished when Ewo re-

turned home with both points.

The R.E. continued their im-

proved form and now follow close-

ly on the heels of the League lead-

ers, who easily accounted for the

Airmen.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

Division I.

R.A. 1 St. Joseph's 0

Navy 2 S.W. Borderers 2

Athletic 2 University 0

South China 2 Eastern 0

Argylls 2 Kowloon 0

Division II.

Ewo 3 R.A.O.C. 2

S.W. Borderers 3 R.A.F. 1

S. China 2 R.E. 1

GOAL SCORERS.

Division I.

Salt (R.A.) 1

Bell (Club) 1

Jackson (Club) 1

Parsons (S.W.B.) 1

Nelson (S.W.B.) 1

Nash (Navy) 1

Potts (Navy) 1

Spawick (Navy) 1

Kirkby (Navy) 1

Ali (St. Joseph's) 1

Mak Tin-hon (Eastern) 1

Sabban (Eastern) 1

Lei Bing-long (Eastern) 1

Ong (University) 1

Khe (University) 1

Lui Kan-ming (Athletic) 1

Hin Yin-kwong (Athletic) 1

Alexander (Argylls) 1

Maxwell (Argylls) 1

Division II.

Himbury (R.E.) 3

Powell (S.W.B.) 2

Pritchard (S.W.B.) 1

Sabin (R.E.) 1

Wong Yip-yui (Ewo) 1

Hon Yon-ta (Ewo) 1

Chan Mok-sing (Ewo, Penalty) 1

Chan Mok-sing (own goal, R.A.O.C.) 1

Sands (R.A.O.C.) 1

Yeung Shui-fai (S. China) 1

Chu Fook-to (S. China) 1

Atkins (R.A.F.) 1

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

South China 10 1 0 33 9 14

Borderers 10 6 3 1 28 14 13

Argylls 10 6 4 0 25 19 12

Recrelo 8 5 2 1 16 13 11

Navy 8 4 4 0 25 10 8

Kowloon 10 2 7 1 12 20 5

Folles 11 2 8 1 13 38 5

St. Joseph's 9 2 7 0 10 30 4

Club 9 1 7 1 6 25 3

Division II.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

Royal Navy 12 9 3 0 52 15 38

Eastern 10 8 1 1 24 4 17

S.W.B. 10 7 1 2 25 13 16

Club 12 5 4 3 14 16 13

St. Joseph's 11 5 5 1 13 17 11

Athletic 10 4 8 3 12 12 11

Argylls 10 4 8 2 10 16 10

University 10 4 4 2 16 13 10

Kowloon 11 3 6 2 12 28 8

South China 11 2 8 1 8 28 5

Recrelo 10 0 7 3 4 38 0

R.A. 8 1 7 0 6 20 2

Division III.

P. W. L. D. F. A. Pts.

S.W.B. 11 7 3 1 32 16 15

R.E. 9 6 2 1 21 17 13

Ewo 9 5 2 2 14 19 12

South China 10 4 4 2 28 22 10

Folles 10 4 4 2 28 22 10

R.A.O.C. 6 3 2 1 26 13 7

R.A.F. 9 2 7 0 16 24 4

R.A.S.C. 8 1 7 0 14 37 2

KOWLOON - GOLF
CLUB.J. D. Thomson New
Champion.

LOPES LOSES AT 37TH.

The Club Championship of the
Kowloon Golf Club was decided
yesterday when J. D. Thomson and
A. A. Lopes contested the final over
36 holes.It was a keen match from start
to finish and both competitors play-
ed good steady golf, although there
were times when they found the
greens a bit too tricky. Lopes put
up a grand fight towards the end.
Although he was down three
down his produced good golf to
square the match on the last green,
but the bunker at the thirty-
seventh proved to be his downfall.

Lopes Holds the Lead.

Thomson started off in good style

by securing the first four holes, but

following this run of success he

seemed to lose confidence, and his

lead gradually slipped away until

the eighth where the match became

all square. Lopes won the ninth

and tenth in good figures and stood

three up at the twelfth. At the

thirteenth Thomson reduced the

lead to two up. The fourteenth

was halved, at the fifteenth Thom-

son negotiated a dead stymie with

his masher niblik to secure a good

half. Winning another hole at the

sixteenth Lopes stood three up at

the end of the morning round.

On resuming after tiffin Thomson

reduced the lead by winning the

nineteenth and was lucky to get a

half at the twentieth where he

found the stream with his tee shot,

but from a difficult lie got well out

with his second. Lopes lost the

next hole but regained his lead of

three holes at the twenty-third,

the next hole being halved. Thom-

son then won the next three holes

to make the match all square at the

twenty-seventh.

A Close Finish.

Continuing in winning style

Thomson stood two up at the

twenty-ninth and increased his lead

at the thirty-second. At the thirty-

third he had an excellent

chance of winning the match hav-

ing two strokes for the hole, but

weak putting could only allow him

a half. The match now stood dor-

mie three up in favour of Thom-

son, but with his back to the wall

Lopes put up a great fight, and,

playing excellent golf, won the

next three holes to make matters

again all square, at the thirty-sixth.

From the thirty-seventh tee

Lopes found the bunker to the right

of the first fairway, a

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RUGBY FOOTBALL.

**The Rest Too Fast for
England.**

KEEN FIGHT.

**Lt. Galletley Scores Four
Tries.**

Playing on the Club ground,
Happy Valley, on Saturday, The
Rest defeated England by two goals
and two tries (16 points) to a
penalty goal and a try (6 points).
The Rest made one change in
their team, Allera coming into the
three-quarter line instead of More-
England made no alterations in the
team published.

Kicking off, England were soon
on the offensive but once the Rest
settled down there was only one
team in the picture. The Rest
were far superior at forward both
in the loose and the tight scrums.
The forwards were faster than the
English forwards and more alive
to opportunities. In the tight
scrummages the Rest appeared the
lighter pack but low packing back-
ed up by hearty shoving gave the
them a great advantage. Their
wing forwards, particularly Gam-
mell, were quickly on King when-
ever opportunity afforded. In the
loose they were quicker on the ball
than their opponents and knew
just when to let the ball out to the
three-quarter line. In the line
outs McKellar distinguished him-
self by invariably gaining posses-
sion and feeding his scrum-half.

Unequal Combat.
The opposing three-quarter lines
were in two distinct classes—on
the one side a line which made use
of every man—and on the other
side a line which specialised in
individualistic play. The result of
this unequal combat was never in
doubt.

Before the game was five minutes
old Galletley got over for the Rest
near to the touch flag after a
movement started by Allera. The
kick at goal unfortunately hit the
upright and rebounded into play.
Try as they could the England
backs could not make any impres-
sion upon a sound defence and
found their line again in danger
when Allera cut through to pass
to Galletley who went over for
McKellar to land the goal points
with a really fine kick. This acted
as a tonic to the England side and
as a result of an all-round move-
ment in which all the three-quar-
ters handled the ball Barlow got
over near the touch flag for an un-
converted try. This ended the
scoring in the first half.

Half-time—
The Rest 8 points
England 3 points
After the interval Allera was
again responsible for making an
opening for Galletley, who scored
about half way between the posts
and the touch line. McKellar re-
peated his former success by
kicking a beautiful goal. Gallet-
ley was yet to score a fourth try,
this time as a result of a forward
rush, a pick up, and a pass from
McKellar. Frankham, who was
entrusted with the kick, failed to
add the goal points. Penalised for
off-side play the Rest had their
big lead reduced when Turner
dropped a great goal from the
ten yard line. It was a beauty
and thoroughly deserved the
rounds of applause it received.
This ended the scoring in a fast
and open game.

One Good Touch.
Whitham was more pressed than
Frankham and held his line to
the best of his ability. His tack-
ling was good but his touch kick-
ing was not so effective as usual,
with the exception of one great
kick in the first half which gain-
ed at least sixty yards. Frank-
ham acquitted himself well with
what little he had to do.
Lt. Galletley was in great form.
He took his passes admirably,
made as much ground as possible,
and when in difficulties did not
forget to pass inside. Lt. Hamil-
ton was very fast and effected one
or two nice cut throughs. Once
he had only Whitham to pass for
a certain try, but hesitation pro-
ved his downfall. A short punt
ahead would probably have made
gone unreturned. Allera played
a great game, and, although he
did not score himself, he was in-
strumental in the scoring of three
tries. He seemed to be able to
break through the defence at will
and did not forget to pass. For-
guson did not get much to do, but
gained ground when opportunity
afforded though he was well mark-
ed throughout the game.

England Backs.
Lammert has not yet regained
his old form. His handling at the
moment is not quite what one
could desire. Parker was fast
whenver in possession but unfor-
tunately he saw very little of the
ball throughout the game. Plum-
mer seemed to have lost his speed
and was too slow off the mark.
Lt. Barlow was very enterprising
on the wing and was tireless in
his attempts to pierce the oppo-
sing defence.

Turner was too fond of hanging
on to the ball too long to give his
three-quarters any real chance of
scoring. Time and again he
would try and thrust his way
through but was always pulled up
before looking dangerous. He
was to some extent responsible for
the inactivity of the English three-
quarters. King played pluckily
behind the scrum, but at times
looked suspiciously like being off-
side, in fact he was penalised
twice, however, he is playing in a
strange position and will soon get
out of this bad habit.

The Rest Halves.
Roberts and Hewitt appeared
the best pair of halves because
Roberts when he received from
Hewitt loosed the ball to his three-
quarter line and thus opened up
the game. He effected one or two
nice runs and played a good game
all round.

Of the forwards I liked McKellar
the best. He worked hard both in
the tight and the loose scrums and
was invaluable in the line outs.
Gammell was good in the loose and
was in the picture whenever a for-
ward rush was in progress. Paga
and Massey were the most promi-
nent England forwards, the former
getting in one very fine solo effort
when he dribbled the ball for nearly
forty yards before losing it in
touch. Massey was most promi-
nent in defence, falling on the ball
before the fiercest of forward
rushes, and trying to revive some
spirit into a beaten pack. One
mistake I thought he made was
committed in the first-half when
the Rest held a three point lead.
A Rest player was penalised for
"feet up" just outside the twenty-
five line and the option of a kick
or a scrum down fifteen yards from
the line was given. Massey chose
the scrum down and any advantage
that could have been gained was
lost, for the Rest forwards just
wheeled and took the ball up field.
A kick at goal might quite easily
have equalised and brought new
vigour into the team. The best
game of the present season thus
ended in a victory for the Rest.

Result—
The Rest 16 pts.
England 8 pts.
The teams lined up as follows—
England:—J. P. Whitham (Club);
G. P. Lammert (Club), Mid.
Parker (Navy), G. A. L. Plummer
(Club), Lt. Barlow (Army); M. W.
Turner (Club), J. W. King (Club);
D. L. Milne-Day (Club), W. F.
Peers (Club), Surg. Lt. Nicholson
(Navy), E. R. West (Club), F. R.
Burch (Club), Sub. Lt. Edwards
(Navy), E. A. Wilkinson (Navy),
and B. P. Massey (Club) (Captain).
The Rest:—L/Cpl. Frankham
(Army); Lt. Galletley (Army)
(Captain), Lt. Hamilton (Army),
Allera (Club), J. J. Ferguson
(Club), Mid. Roberts (Navy), Lt.
Hewitt (Navy); Lt. Robertson
(Navy), L/Cpl. Pratt (Army), W.
F. Leckie (Club), Pte. Gilmore
(Army), Sergt. Vowles (Army),
E. B. Gammell (Club), J. R. Young-
er (Club), and Capt. McKellar
(Army).

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

"Scrum Half" comment on
Saturday's game will appear in
to-morrow's issue of the
CHINA MAIL, owing to the
pressure on space in to-day's
Sporting Columns.

MERCANTILE GOLF.

**RIVAL CAPTAINS TO MEET AT
FANLING.**

BANQUET FOR WINNER.

The International golfing world
was thrilled on Saturday by the an-
nouncement of a golf match be-
tween Captain George Yardley,
skipper of the s.s. President Cleve-
land of the Dollar Steamship Line
fleet, and Captain Shunji Ito,
master of the s.s. Tatsuta Maru of
the Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

For many years these two
popular captains have been at the
head of the golfing class of their
respective lines. At a recent con-
vivial meeting at the Marine Club
in San Francisco, arrangements
were made for the match, which
may be truly said to be "inter-
national in character" and cover a
territory of six thousand miles of
ocean lanes. Each of these popular
skippers has his private golfing
machine or miniature course
aboard his vessel, and whenever
their duties at the various ports
permit them to be absent from
their commands, they may be found
at the nearest golf course. Cap-
tain Yardley's average score is in
the low 80's, and local friends of
Captain Ito claim that he shoots an
85 when he has been several days
without practice.

The match is to be played at
Fanling, the world-famous course
of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club,
on December 30, and it is expected
that large galleries will witness
the contest. The winner of the
contest is to be tendered a banquet
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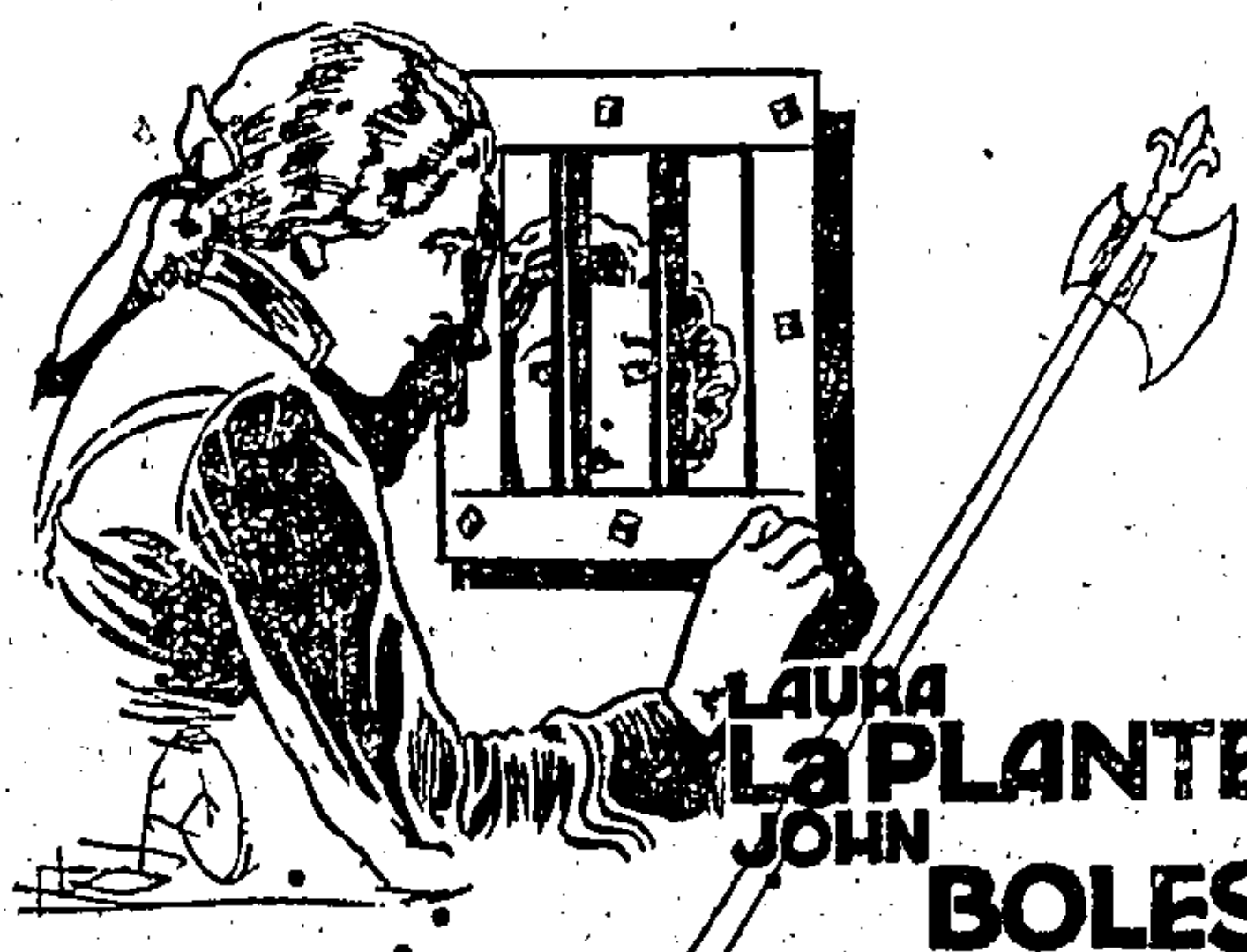
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SHOT INSPECTOR.

MRS. XAVIER CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER. REMAINED IN CUSTODY.

Mrs. Jesuina Maria Xavier was this morning charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, with the attempted murder of Mr. Alfred Joseph Manton, at 416 Lockhart Road, on Saturday, by firing at him with a revolver. Detective Sub-Inspector M. Murphy had charge of the case.

His Worship, after explaining the charge to defendant, said: "The man whom you are alleged to have shot will be in hospital for another two weeks, so you are remanded in custody this day week, to January 5 at ten a.m."

Woman Detained.

A sensational shooting affair took place at No. 416 Lockhart Road, about 1 p.m. on Saturday, when Mr. A. J. Manton, a Traffic Inspector employed by the Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., was seriously wounded. His assailant is alleged to be Mrs. J. Xavier, with whom he was on friendly terms, and it is thought that an altercation took place, ending in Mr. Manton being shot.

Three bullets were fired, one entering his arm and two his back. After the affair Mr. Manton managed to go to No. 2 Police Station, which is close by, and report the matter, afterwards being removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Upon enquiries at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday night, the condition of the patient had not yet been definitely ascertained, but was stated to be "generally satisfactory." An operation at a later stage will be necessary to remove the bullets.

After further enquiries it is stated that Mrs. J. Xavier acted as housekeeper for Mr. Manton and another European who shared the same flat at No. 416 Lockhart Road, Wanchai.

Police Reticent.

The Police are reticent as regards the affair, pending complete enquiries into the circumstances. It is understood, however, that Mr. Manton was about to give up his flat at Lockhart Road, (the actual number being 375, and not 416, as he stated upon arrival at No. 2 Police Station). It is possible that this question may have led to a dispute, or misunderstanding. What does seem certain is that after Manton reported the affair, and had been despatched to hospital in an ambulance, Mrs. Xavier arrived and

gave herself up to the Police at No. 2 Station.

Another Involved?

It is understood that Manton's condition is serious, but not critical. Mrs. Xavier was to be charged yesterday morning, although the exact nature of the indictment was not divulged on Saturday night. A rumour that another European is concerned in the affair could not be confirmed at the time of going to press.

Mr. Manton was originally in the King's Liverpool Regiment, leaving to join the Hong Kong Tramway Company a few years ago. He is a well-known and popular member of the community, and news of the affair caused a minor sensation amongst his friends.

SHANGHAI CRISIS.

Chinese To Seize Cable Landings?

London, Yesterday. The Daily Herald gives prominence to a sensational despatch from its Shanghai correspondent alleging a serious crisis in regard to the renewal of contracts with foreign cable companies, hinting at the possibility of a Chinese attempt to seize the cable landings.—Reuter.

Enquiries made locally by the China Mail this morning elicited the information that little was known here about the conditions prevailing in the North, presumably on the Yangtze, at the moment. It is possible that the Chinese authorities are using a threat to seize the cable line landings as a lever in the negotiations as to cable rights which have been proceeding for some little time.

The question is not one that concerns Hong Kong, although messages from semi-official Chinese sources during the past few months have reiterated the intention of the Chinese to "take over" the cable service in its entirety.]

FELIX VILLAS MURDER.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning fixed January 5, at 10.30 a.m. for hearing of the Felix Villas murder case.

It is understood that Mr. H. S. Fitzroy will prosecute for the Crown.

MORPHINE CASE.

DISPENSER CHARGED WITH POSSESSION. REMAND ORDERED.

A dispenser of the Queen's Dispensary, together with two other men and a boy, were this morning brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of morphine, at the Tin Wah Teahouse, 49, Des Voeux Road Central, on December 27.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for the second defendant and pleaded not guilty, similar pleas being entered by the other defendants.

For the prosecution, Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmitt said that at present they were only being charged with possession of six 1 lb. tins of morphine, manufactured by Batterssea, druggists, London. He applied for the withdrawal of the boy (as he was being used as a witness for the prosecution) and it was granted. He went on to say that all defendants were arrested on Saturday night in the Tin Wah tea-house, and that he would bring forward evidence to say that the third and fourth defendants were only carriers, who took the drugs to the place for the second and first defendants.

Some Discrepancies.

Mr. Grimmitt, continuing, said that he searched several other addresses, and found certain amounts of other drugs. In the second defendant's suit-case was found a bottle of some drug, which had not yet been analysed. Observing that it took a long time to go into these cases, Mr. Grimmitt asked for a week's remand, adding that there were certain papers and documents found on the premises.

His Worship granted the remand, and fixed bail at \$2,500 each.

MARQUIS KOMURA.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JAPANESE MINISTER.

Tokyo, Yesterday. The death occurred to-day of Marquis Kinichi Komura, from intestinal trouble. The Marquis was taken ill suddenly on Saturday. He has acted as Vice-Minister in the Department of Overseas Affairs since early in 1929. Deceased was the eldest son of the famous Foreign Minister, the late Marquis Jutaro Komura, and was formerly Secretary of the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

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